

## SOME FIRMS GIVE IN.

Striking Housemiths Settle Down for a Long Fight for Eight Hours.

Encouragement at the Union's Meeting To-Day.

Four Thousand Men Now Idle—Building Operations to Be Paralyzed.

The strike of the housemiths in this city and Brooklyn did not end this morning, and the indications are that it will last for some time to come. About 4,000 men employed in the several branches of the architectural industry are idle.

The headquarters of the strikers in this city is at Chatham Hall, in East Thirtieth street, and fully three hundred men assembled there this morning.

There was very little news to cheer the hearts of the strikers, but for all that they seemed cheerful and ready to fight the battle to the bitter end.

Master Workman George Warner called the strikers to order at 10.15 o'clock and addressed them in words calculated to raise any drooping hopes.

Secretary Patrick Coleman read letters from M. P. Leach, 125 Lexington avenue, G. M. McLaughlin & Co., 232 First avenue, and the Vreeland Iron Works, Broadway near Thirty-sixth and Thirtieth streets.

These firms said that they would sign the U. S. agreement for eight hours work at the present rate of pay if a committee were sent to them.

The letter from the Vreeland Iron Works was received with hearty applause by the meeting, because this is the first case of a break in the ranks of the Employers' Association.

Committees were appointed to get these signatures, and as soon as the employers sign the men in their employ will go back to work.

Carroll & Davis, of 36 Park place, employing 100 men, signed the agreement yesterday. William Case, Sturges & Dwyer and the Vreeland Iron Works, three Brooklyn firms doing large business in this city, have promised to sign the agreement.

These are the only cases where employers have shown any willingness to comply with the demands of the strikers.

The men are confident that others will agree to sign in the day. The strikers confess to a degree of disappointment at the reluctance of the employers to sign, still they are hopeful.

They reviewed this morning the fact that they were necessary, and the Union called away for action. A committee of one man from each of the seventy-five shops where the strike is in force was appointed to take charge of the fight.

Bernard Campbell, President of the Central District Union, is chairman of the committee. The committee went into session at 10 o'clock, to perfect their plans of battle.

Otto Hübner, working draftsman of the Architectural Iron Workers' Union, worked hard this morning to get a representation of his Union on the committee.

His efforts were unsuccessful, as just difficulties with the Architectural Iron Workers' Union have not been forgotten by the Housemiths.

It was reported at the meeting that the iron moulders had been notified that they would be off to-night if the housemiths continue on strike, as there would be no work for them to do.

The strikers were more interested in their matter this morning. They want the employers to appear in court to satisfy them in the letter of their intention to sign the agreement. They were fooled yesterday, they say, in the case of the Empire, Union, Curry and Central Iron Works, an experience they do not wish to repeat.

George Warner is the central figure among the strikers and the men seem to be in perfect harmony with him.

On discussing the situation with Thomas Ryan, a member of the Central Committee, he said: "We do not take very much stock in the letter, but we are very much interested in the fact that the employers are not coming from a meeting of the Iron Manufacturers' Association. They have such a wide diversity of interests that to hold to one line would be an impossibility. Among the buildings under construction which have been affected by the strike are the following:

Columbia Building, Broadway and West street.

Western Union Building, Broadway and West street.

DeWitt Building, Broadway and West street.

Stokes Building, Pine street.

Bennett Building, Nassau and Fulton streets.

Sturges & Dwyer Building, Nassau and Fulton streets.

H. C. Clark & Co. (extension), Nassau and Fulton streets.

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